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MEDIA ADVISORY

Annual "Food for Fines" Initiative Kicks Off Sunday, October 17 at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library

(FALLS CHURCH, VA.) – The Mary Riley Styles Public Library's annual "Food for Fines" initiative, held Sunday, October 17 through Saturday, October 23, gives patrons the opportunity to trade food for those in needs for fines owed to the Library.

"Food for Fines" is a great opportunity for patrons to clear their records of library fines by donating food for local food banks. This program is a one-for-one exchange: a single grocery item (can of fruit, cake mix, etc.) will cover the fine for a single overdue item, including videos, DVDS, audiocassettes, CDs or books. There is no limit on the number or amount of fines that can be cleared or the quantity of overdue materials that can be returned.

Glass jars, opened containers, items past its expiration date, or sample or trial sized-items will not be accepted for donation and bills for lost or damaged library materials cannot be paid by this program.

Collected food and other non-perishables will be given to community service organizations that work closely with the City's Department of Housing and Human Services to provide aid to families in the City of Falls Church area.

For more information, please contact the Mary Riley Styles Public Library at 703-248-5030 or visit them on the Web at www.falls-church.lib.va.us/.

WHAT: Food for Fines Initiative

WHEN: Sunday, October 17 through Saturday, October 23, 2004

TIME: During regularly scheduled library hours

WHERE: Mary Riley Styles Public Library

120 N. Virginia

Falls Church, VA 22046

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